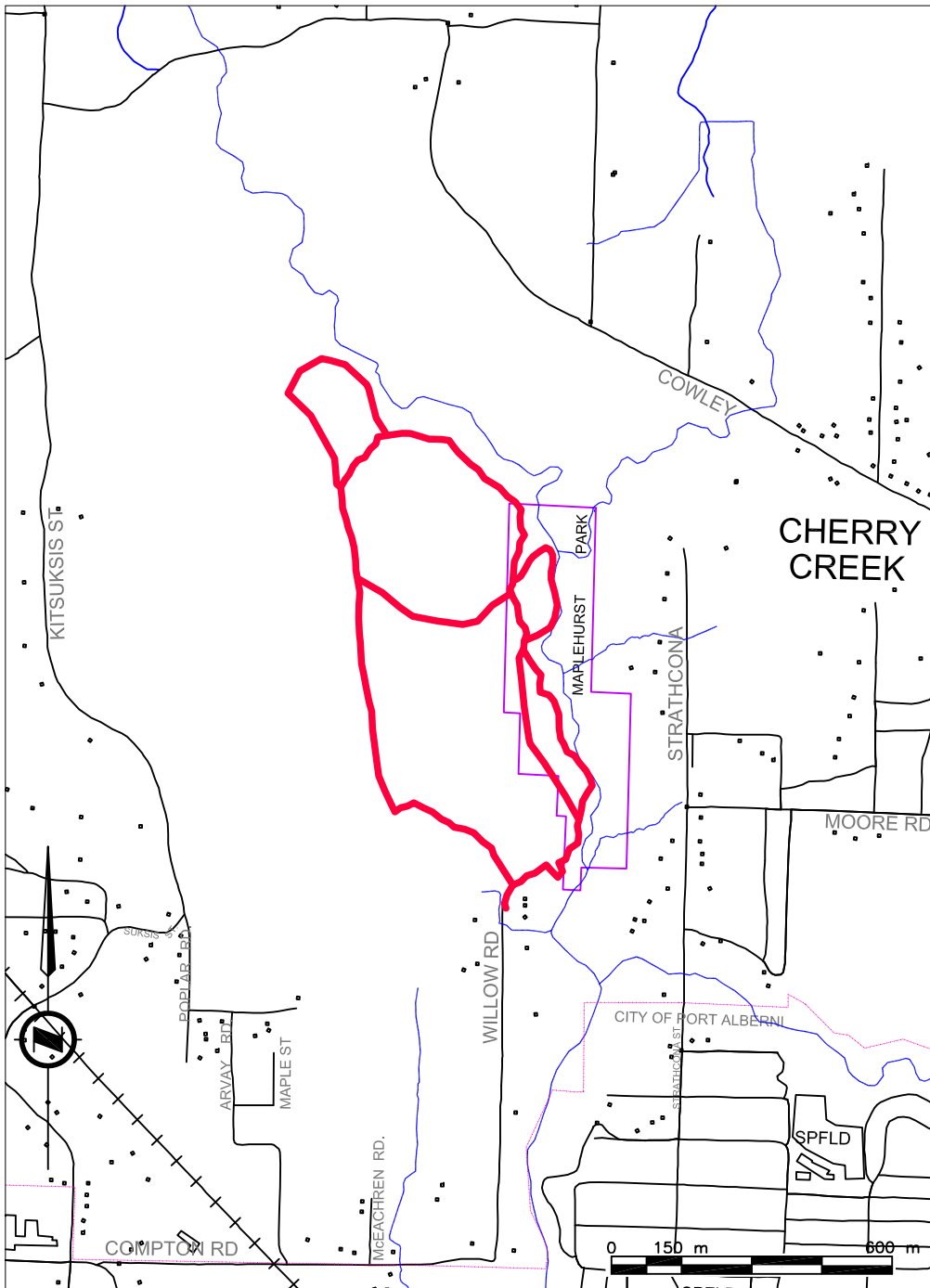


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Trail description

Vehicle access: 2WD

Difficulty: Easy

Driving time: 10 min

Elevation gain: 100m

Trail length: 4 km

Time: 2:00 hours

Access to Trailhead:

Leaving the Visitor Information Centre, travel 4.0 km west on Highway 4 to the traffic light at the intersection of Highway 4 and Gertrude Street. Turn right on Gertrude and travel 1.2 km to Compton Street. Turn right onto Compton and continue for 0.8 until a sharp corner which marks the beginning of Willow Street. Drive 0.7 km to the end of Willow Road. The trail begins on the left side of a small blue spruce

Trail Features:

The trail consists of a series of interlocking loops which allow a variety of routes to be followed. The western ridge trail is on an old woodroad and goes through several maple and alder groves. The eastern trail follows Kitsuksis Creek in places and children who like to run ahead should be cautioned that there are two sections where the bank is quite steep down to the creek below. In other areas, where the trail is at the same level as the creek, several of the cedar trees show claw marks on their bark where bears have climbed. There are also some large veteran Douglas-fir which escaped being cut when the area was logged about 50 years ago. There are plenty of dead trees which provide food for woodpeckers on the first and second crossover trails, and an aspen grove beside the third. The trails are enlivened by various small treasures and whimsies placed by other trail users, which make it particularly interesting for children.

MAP REFERENCES:

NTS Map #92 F/7 - Home Lake

Backroad Mapbook: Vancouver Island, Map # 33